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**From:** Apodaca, Joey <Joey.Apodaca@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** PerezSullivan, Margot  
**Cc:** Maier, Brent; Pinto, Lisa; Zaiden, Rachel; Blumenfeld, Jared; Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill; Huetteman, Tom  
**Subject:** RE: Malibu Town Hall and EPA Participation

Thank you, Margot. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Joey Apodaca**

Office of Representative Henry A. Waxman (CA-33)

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**From:** PerezSullivan, Margot [mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 3:57 PM  
**To:** Apodaca, Joey  
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**Subject:** Re: Malibu Town Hall and EPA Participation

Thanks for the note Joey. We have received your request and will let you know soon.

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On Aug 15, 2014, at 3:37 PM, "Apodaca, Joey" <[Joey.Apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joey.Apodaca@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Maier,

Congressman Waxman's office received the following request from officials with the City of Malibu. The request is for EPA officials to attend a community meeting on August 21, 2014, regarding the eradication of PCB dangers on Malibu school campuses. We understand that this request is somewhat close to the relevant deadline, but City officials just conveyed the request to us this morning. Please let us know if the EPA will be able to accommodate the below request to attend the meeting, or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Joey Apodaca**

Office of Representative Henry A. Waxman (CA-33)

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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

On behalf of the City of Malibu, we would like to formally invite a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 to attend and participate in a very important educational event on August 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM, around the environmental issues arising from the identification of high concentrations of PCB's at Malibu Middle and High School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School.

As you know, having visited the community in late May of this year, this issue is of enormous concern to our community and there is a great deal of confusion over the impacts and planned remediation of these PCB's and other toxins. And we understand that this problem is being watched nationally and globally by the scientific and environmental community.

We also recognize that the efforts in Malibu will be critical to any broader effort to address this issue throughout the entire area served by Region 9. As a result, we believe this forum, which we have designed with the help of a well known facilitator and mediator, is so important to communicate valuable information.

We also believe that without EPA's participation, this effort will fail, and will be a huge blow to our community. Because of the national attention our issue has received, this could become another opportunity to characterize Federal, State and local agencies as not being responsive to the needs of their constituents. We also fear that if EPA does not participate, it will be seen as some kind of conspiracy to keep vital information from our community or an effort to stonewall parents' efforts to gather information.

This will not be an ad-hoc platform for one side or the other of this issue; in fact we see this as a very important opportunity to bring our community together to hear all the science, regulations and information that your agency and others have around this issue. And allow parents and others to make a reasoned decision as to the impacts on their families.

The format as proposed is simple. The SMMUSD contractor ENVIRON will be presenting data along with representatives of other advocacy groups, and we then hope to have threshold questions of exposure, safety and remediation addressed by the contractor, with assistance from agencies such as yours. This is not a debate and all questions will be organized before the event.

Again, we would be happy to have our facilitator contact your representative to assure them of the structure and our intentions. We have reached out to our state and federal representatives in an effort to broaden the dialogue on this event, and we are very hopeful that you will allow a representative to attend this event.

Sincerely,

John Sibert, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Malibu

Laura Rosenthal, Councilmember, City of Malibu

CC: Senator Barbara Boxer

Representative Henry Waxman

